Chapter 15

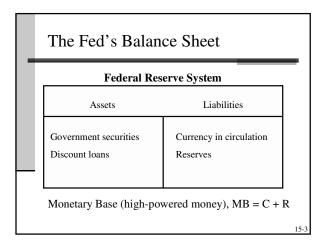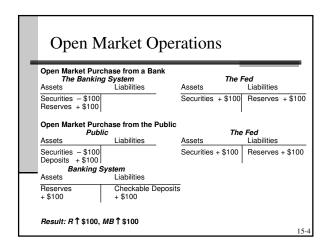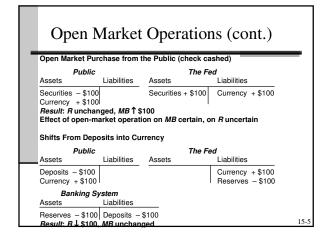Multiple Deposit Creation and the Money Supply Process
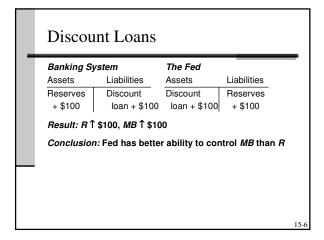

The Money Supply Process

- Players
  - central bank: the Fed
  - banks
  - depositors
  - borrowers from banks

- Functions of the Federal Reserve System
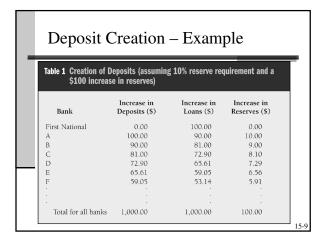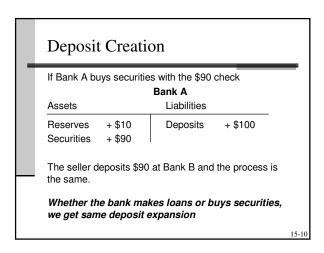 - conducts monetary policy
  - clears checks
  - regulates banks

The Fed's Balance Sheet

Federal Reserve System

Assets	Liabilities
Government securities	Currency in circulation
Discount loans	Reserves

Monetary Base (high-powered money), $MB = C + R$

Open Market Operations

Open Market Purchase from a Bank

The Banking System		The Fed	
Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Securities − $100		Securities + $100	Reserves + $100
Reserves + $100			

Open Market Purchase from the Public

Public		The Fed	
Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Securities − $100		Securities + $100	Reserves + $100
Deposits + $100			

Banking System	
Assets	Liabilities
Reserves + $100	Checkable Deposits + $100

Result: R ↑ $100, MB ↑ $100

Open Market Operations (cont.)

Open Market Purchase from the Public (check cashed)

Public		The Fed	
Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Securities − $100		Securities + $100	Currency + $100
Currency + $100			

***Result:* R unchanged, *MB* ↑ $100**
Effect of open-market operation on *MB* certain, on *R* uncertain

Shifts From Deposits into Currency

Public		The Fed	
Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Deposits − $100			Currency + $100
Currency + $100			Reserves − $100

Banking System	
Assets	Liabilities
Reserves − $100	Deposits − $100

Result: R ↓ $100, MB unchanged

Discount Loans

Banking System		The Fed	
Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Reserves + $100	Discount loan + $100	Discount loan + $100	Reserves + $100

Result: R ↑ $100, MB ↑ $100

Conclusion:* Fed has better ability to control *MB* than *R

Deposit Creation: Single Bank

First National Bank

Assets		Liabilities
Securities	− $100	
Reserves	+ $100	

First National Bank

Assets		Liabilities	
Securities	− $100	Deposits	+ $100
Reserves	+ $100		
Loans	+ $100		

First National Bank

Assets		Liabilities
Securities	− $100	
Loans	+ $100	

Deposit Creation: Banking System

Bank A

Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	+ $100	Deposits	+ $100

Bank A

Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	+ $10	Deposits	+ $100
Loans	+ $90		

Bank B

Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	+ $90	Deposits	+ $90

Bank B

Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	+ $ 9	Deposits	+ $90
Loans	+ $81		

Deposit Creation – Example

Table 1 Creation of Deposits (assuming 10% reserve requirement and a $100 increase in reserves)

Bank	Increase in Deposits ($)	Increase in Loans ($)	Increase in Reserves ($)
First National	0.00	100.00	0.00
A	100.00	90.00	10.00
B	90.00	81.00	9.00
C	81.00	72.90	8.10
D	72.90	65.61	7.29
E	65.61	59.05	6.56
F	59.05	53.14	5.91
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Total for all banks	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00

Deposit Creation

If Bank A buys securities with the $90 check

Bank A

Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	+ $10	Deposits	+ $100
Securities	+ $90		

The seller deposits $90 at Bank B and the process is the same.

Whether the bank makes loans or buys securities, we get same deposit expansion

The Deposit Multiplier

- required reserves are calculated as a certain fraction *r* (*required reserve ratio*) of checkable deposits:

$$RR = r \times D$$

- hence, deposits can be calculated as:

$$D = \frac{1}{r} \times R$$

- thus, the change in deposits depends on the change in reserves:

$$\Delta D = \frac{1}{r} \times \Delta R$$

Deposit Creation: The Banking System as a Whole

Banking System

Assets		Liabilities	
Securities	− $100	Deposits	+ $1000
Reserves	+ $100		
Loans	+ $1000		

Critique of Simple Model

Deposit creation stops if:
- proceeds from loan kept in cash
- bank holds excess reserves